

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN

FROM : A/SZDNG

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Airport facilities continue to reflect improvements although progress is slower than desired. Utilizing in-house capabilities does not, due to the limited member of personnel, permit the most suitable work schedules but with close coordination and tighter controls projects are being completed on a priority basis.

Painting of the Operations/Administration building has been completed. White semi-glass ceilings and flat pastel green walls present a more cheerful atmosphere accented by dark gray doors, door and window casings and a 4 inch baseboard in each office - which harmonizes with the lighter gray floor tile.

The winter weather to date has been less severe than during previous years. This has worked to our decided advantage in that the sunny dry days have assisted our continued improvement of the AAM access road. On 21 January the USAF completed the asphalting, including the AAM parking area to a depth of 3 to 4 inches. This hard smooth surface not only improves the overall appearance but eliminates much dust, and will eliminate mud during the rains.

Several signs fabricated in Saigon have been received and installed. The most recent addition is the new Air America, Inc. sign received on 30 January and installed the same day. The completion of others is pending and as received will be positioned to further identify departments and assist passenger and visitor information.

Several other small projects are pending in this building area and are receiving attention in accordance with priorities and manpower availability. The general theme, however, has been to begin improvements at the front door and continue through the back door. This then, with a few exceptions, now positions us in the area behind the Operations/Administration building.

Construction of the drainage ditch at the rear the facilities continues, with it being approximately 60% completed. While this work continues we are researching ways and means of leveling and packing the ground around the warehouse and nose hngar area in preparation for pouring concrete. It is hoped that in next month's report we will have much more favorable comments regarding this project.

Routine work continues at both hostels. Transportation has been arranged for the Engineer to make routine inspections and follow up actions, as required, to maintain both units in proper serviceable condition. Additionally periodic inspections are made by the undersigned and a form devised and posted on the bulletin board which encourages crew members to comment on deficiencies, or suggestions, noted during their stay at DaNang.

Paint has been procured for painting the inside of the old hostel. This we plan to begin in early February; again using pastel non-glass shades, but in four colors: azure blue, apricot tangerine, and two shades of green. Additional colors were sought but not available at NSA.

Further improvements, such as floor resurfacing, window curtains and pictures on the wall are planned for the back rooms of the old hostel. When accomplished we hope the above will provide a much more pleasant atmosphere in the "home away from home" for our crew members and other visitors.

Due to the occupancy of the new hostel being considerably lighter than the old the upkeep is proportionally reduced. Nevertheless close contact is maintained with the building and its custodian to reduce maintenance and provide suitable support.

Other areas, both at the downtown and airport locations do require attention and we are cognizant of their existence. As time and workloads permit each will be reviewed and corrective action implemented.

Customer and Company relations remain very good to excellent. Since all concerned are in daily contact any or all problems are discussed and appropriate action taken before they are allowed to become major issues. Outstanding support was received from both 4395 and 0041 during the recent search and recovery operations involving C-47, 43-15949.

This period DaNang station has had several visitors from Saigon, including the ABM, who remained overnight. Additionally the VPFO spent same time with us, having arrived on 18 January and departed in the afternoon of 19 January.

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